

Airborne for Beyond Creativity!

2008 MLTI Summer Institute

Presenter Biographies

Debi Lynne Baker has been teaching public schools in Maine for the last 22 years. Currently she teaches K-12 Art in Greenville. Debi has been active in MAEA as President and a board member. She has also served on NAEA. In 1995 she was MAEA Art Educator of the Year and National Mid Level Educator of the Year. She originally comes from MA teaching Graphic Design prior to her career in Advertising.

Rick Barter has been a Technology Integrator and Technology Coordinator in Bar Harbor for 12 years. He has also been the Regional Integration Mentor for Hancock County during the formative years of MLTI and been involved in teacher training/support and staff development at the local, regional and state level for many years.

Jeff Beaudry is an associate professor at USM, and has a degree in scientific photography.

Doug Bird is a special education teacher at Trenton Elementary School (K-8). He has been a member of the Maine DOE NIMAS/NIMAC work group for the last year advocating for special education teachers and all students as our schools increasingly engage in interactive digital learning.

Steve Bromage is the Assistant Director of the Maine Historical Society where he has worked since 2001. While there he has helped guide the development of the Maine Memory Network and worked closely with educators around Maine. Previously, he was Associate Director of the online Disability History Museum and helped produce the award-winning NPR documentary Beyond Affliction: The Disability History Project. He holds an M.A. in American History from the University of Massachusetts.

Phil Brookhouse, MEd, taught middle school science and math for 30 years in Lewiston, Maine. His work with pre-service educators included Bates College and University of Southern Maine. He is now affiliated with the Maine Learning Technology Initiative.

Jim Burke brings thirty-two years of teaching experience grades 3 through 8 to his present position, the MLTI/eMINTS Trainer/Mentor for the Western Maine Region. Jim was the Technology Integration Coordinator for Oxford Hill School District before taking his present position.

Margaret Chernosky was born in Ottawa, Canada. Growing up, she lived in Trinidad, New Orleans, and Antigonish, Nova Scotia. After graduation from St. Francis Xavier University, Margaret taught geography in Halifax for two years. Later, she came to Maine in 1975 to study Maine prehistoric archaeology. After marrying, she and Joe, a geologist, bought an old farm in Corinth, Maine. For 17 years, she raised sheep, beef, chickens, rabbits, goats, vegetables, and two children. Today, most of the animals are gone and the children grown, so she shepherds Bangor High School students through the intricacies of world geography, human geography, and GIS in Geography. She is completing a CAS in Secondary Geography Education at the University of Maine.



Cynthia Curry is a former middle and high school science teacher who has been working in the field of universal design and accessibility in education for over eight years. She provides services across elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education and has been part of the MLTI since 2004.

Michael Cushman has taught various combinations of Music and Technology for 17 years, and is currently Music Teacher and Education Technology Coordinator at Mountain View Youth Development Center in Charleston. Previously he taught at Caravel Middle School in Carmel and in Limestone. He is a certified eMINTS teacher. He has degrees in Organ Performance and Music Education. He is currently pursuing his masters in Instructional Technology. As a musician, he performs regularly with the Bangor Symphony Orchestra, and also in pit orchestras at theatres in the Bangor area.

Ernie Easter is currently a grade 7 & 8 teacher at the New Sweden School in New Sweden, Maine. He teaches all subjects in a multi-graded classroom. Ernie has been the MLTI Teacher leader since the beginning of the Maine Learning Technology Initiative. During this time he was also the MLTI Content Leader for Special Education in Aroostook County. He has taught regular education for 6 years and special education for 22 years. He integrates his subjects and uses projects in his teaching.

Emily Foss is an art teacher at Erskine Academy who has developed a course in Visual Journaling, which combines art and writing. Students are encouraged to artfully present their ideas while exploring their personal feelings and reflections. The personal freedom afforded each student has made Visual Journaling a popular choice for all levels of students at Erskine.

Barbara Greenstone was a Technology/ Literacy Integrator at Mt. Ararat Middle School before coming to MLTI in 2003 as a Statewide Integration Mentor. She has taught 5th grade, 6th grade, Reading K-8, Language Arts 6-8, and Gifted and Talented. She began teaching with technology in the late 1980's when her students taught her how to use an Apple IIe.

Jennifer Holmes is currently the music director at Union #122, for New Sweden School and Woodland Consolidated School, a position she has held since 2004. She has also worked for John Caldwell School and the Caribou United Baptist Church, where her jobs have included large-scale musical stage productions, directing Adult and Children's Choirs, directing Symphonic Wind Ensembles, as well as a Hand Bell Choir. In her current role, Jennifer teaches general music to kindergarten through grade 8 students, directs the Union #122 Concert Band, Chorus, and Show Choir. Mrs. Holmes received her Bachelor of Music, majoring in flute and piano performance, from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. She has performed in multiple university ensembles, and the local symphony orchestra, as well as numerous solo recitals and master classes. Jennifer lives in Grand Falls, New Brunswick, Canada with her husband Jerry and their two children. When not teaching, Jennifer likes to be outside, perform in community concerts, and play with her children.

Ann Marie Quirion Hutton is an educator, computer coordinator, artist and all around Mac guru. She has been teaching middle school for two decades and still has lots of fun helping people learn new and meaningful things. She also is an adjunct professor for the University of Maine, Orono (COEHD) and an Apple Professional Development consultant. With 3 college degrees, art (BFA), education (M.Ed) and technology education (MS CTE), she brings a well-



rounded educational mix that will ensure a great learning experience.

Anne Ireland is the MLTI/eMINTS Trainer Mentor for Southern Aroostook and Northern Penobscot and Washington counties. She has provided education consultant services in technology-based training focused primarily on curricular integration. Previously she provided teacher-training services for the Riordan Foundation cover the New England states.

Laura Johns teaches middle school math and science at Penobscot Community School. She is the technical coordinator for her school, and for many years the MLTI teacher leader. Laura was on the team of Maine Science teachers that helped develop and test the EcoScienceWorks application. She has a background in telecommunications engineering and a M.Ed in Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction.

Randy Judkins has performed a one-person comedy, vaudeville, and variety show since 1975. He's toured in over 20 U.S. states, Canada and Europe. He's a keynote speaker for educational systems and business groups across the US. In 1989, Randy created a performance piece for teachers; middle school and high school students on strategies in building self-esteem entitled "Full Esteem Ahead". "Laughing in the Face of Change" was written in 1994 as a motivational, interactive presentation for businesses and specialty groups.

Kathryn Kennedy teaches 8th grade Social Studies and Writing at Holbrook Middle School in Holden, Maine. She also serves as the MLTI Teacher Leader and has offered both beginner and advanced technology classes to teachers.

Olga LaPlante brings a rich background in foreign language instruction and professional development to her present position as the MLTI/eMINTS Trainer/Mentor in Southern Maine. She has taught at the high school and college level and engages students and parents from all socio-economic and cultural backgrounds. A native of Russia she has a special perspective on life and learning that influences her work with young people and adults.

Ed Latham is a veteran math teacher at the middle, high school, and college level. During his most recent position at Madawaska High School he served on the math curriculum development team and worked on the standards-based reporting system. Presently he is the Northern Aroostook MLTI/eMINTS Trainer mentor.

Kristie Littlefield is the School Partnership Coordinator at the Maine Historical Society where she will be working with educators across the state to develop curricular resources for the Maine Community Heritage Project. A 12-year veteran teacher, Kristie has utilized the MLTI and SmartBoard system to integrate technology into her social studies classes.

Jeff Mao has worked in the Department of Education supporting and promoting the effective use of technology in Maine schools since 2004. In that capacity, he has worked directly with schools in support of the Maine Learning Technology Initiative and other programs. Previous to joining the Department, he served as the Director of Technology for MSAD #60 in North Berwick.

Jim Moulton (<http://www.JimMoulton.org>) is an educational consultant under contract to the MLTI. His areas of expertise include the role of technology in teaching and learning and project-based learning. Traveling from his home in Maine he works with teachers, schools,



and districts across the USA to help make best use of technology to support achievement by all learners.

Argy Nestor is the Visual Performing Arts Specialist at the Maine Department of Education. Before MLTI was established in 2001, Argy and Carol (Waldron) collaborated with technology and art at D.R. Gaul Middle School in Union. They believe that the key in a successful learning environment is to highlight and share the various abilities and contributions of students and teachers through art and technology. They have recently starting using video iChat and periodically comment on how the world is shifting as they continue to build upon their combined 45 years of teaching.

Sylvia Norton is the School Library/Technology Planning Coordinator for the Maine Department of Education and the Maine State Library and is the State E-rate Coordinator for schools. She oversees school library programs and technology plan approval and is on the Executive Board of the American Association of School Librarians.

Dr. Ruben Puentedura is the Founder and President of Hippasus, a consulting firm focusing on transformative applications of information technologies to education. He has implemented these approaches for over twenty years at a range of institutions, from schools, colleges and universities, to hospitals and arts organizations. He has been working with the Maine Learning Technology Initiative since 2003, and is the creator of the four-level approach to selecting, using, and evaluating technology in education that underlies Maine's "Roadmap to the 21st Century Classroom." He can be reached at rubenrp@hippasus.com.

Laura Richter is a history teacher, civil rights team leader, and technology Integrationist at the Skowhegan Area Middle School in Skowhegan, Maine where she has taught for 23 years. She has been actively involved in the Maine Learning Technology Initiative training both middle level and high school teachers across the state. Laura has a special interest in place-based learning and has been working closely with the Maine Historical Society, the Rural Schools and Community Trust, and local historians to engage students in meaningful community projects.

Bronwyn Sale is currently an Art teacher and MLTI Teacher Leader at Brunswick High School. She has experience teaching AP and IB Art, as well as Computer Graphics. She received her MS in Educational Leadership (teacher leadership) from USM this past May.

Ron Smith is the MLTI/eMINTS Trainer/Mentor for Downeast Maine. He is an experienced 7th and 8th grade teacher from Cherryfield. He is a coach and previously served as the MLTI Lead Teacher for his school as well as a promotional video producer for fund-raising and promotional programs.

Douglas Snow is currently a Senior Project Specialist for Apple, Inc. Douglas is responsible for the oversight and implementation of the Maine Learning Technology Initiative with a significant focus on Professional Development. The MLTI is currently one of the largest education technology initiatives in the world and is aimed at establishing significant changes in teaching and learning at the classroom level through the advantages of ubiquitous, equitable technology. Prior to working in Maine, Douglas served as Implementation Director for the IBM Reinventing Education Partnership. This partnership involved a multi-million dollar grant program from IBM designed to develop educational software tools to support standards-based



curriculum, instruction and assessment aided by technology.

Sarah Sutter teaches art at Wiscasset HS. Technology Educator of the Year in 2004, Sarah is a MLTI Teacher Leader, integrating technology across curricular areas. An adjunct lecturer at the UMA, Sarah has an MFA in Digital Photography/Video, and is currently pursuing a MEd in Instructional Technology at UMaine.

Martha Thibodeau is the MLTI/eMINTS Trainer/Mentor for the Kennebec Valley region. As a math and social studies teacher at the middle school level, she was integrating technology before the MLTI project and eagerly awaited the deployment of the 1:1 initiative. She immediately enlisted as the district Teacher/Leader providing support for both teaching and learning, and administrative functions as well.

Marcia Tyrol teaches Spanish at Erskine Academy, is Erskine's teacher leader, and has worked as a SEED Technology Learning Leader. She loves using technology to engage students in language learning and believes that Web 2.0 tools are ideal ways to promote proficiency and excite students about learning a language.

Carol Waldron is a Technology Coordinator/Teacher at Appleton Village and Hope Elementary Schools. Before MLTI was established in 2001, Carol and Argy (Nestor) collaborated with technology and art at D.R. Gaul Middle School in Union. They believe that the key in a successful learning environment is to highlight and share the various abilities and contributions of students and teachers through art and technology. They have recently starting using video iChat and periodically comment on how the world is shifting as they continue to build upon their combined 45 years of teaching.

Jim Wells has been involved in education in one way or another for over 15 years, primarily as a social studies teacher. His passion for geography and world cultures has been stimulated by teaching students from all over the world in both the UK and the US. His current role as an integration mentor for MLTI is bringing him fresh perspectives and ideas for the future of global education.

Glen Widmer teaches math to grades six and seven in Belfast. He has been using service learning in his classroom for the past three years.

